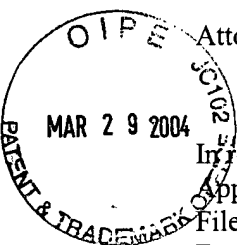


RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 -
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1615



Attorney's Docket No. 035576/233803

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Kokubo et al. Confirmation No.: 8005
Appl. No.: 09/842,466 Group No.: 1615
Filed: April 26, 2001 Examiner: Sheikh, Humera N
For: SOLID PREPARATION COATED WITH A FILM COATING LAYER AND FILM
COATING AGENT

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three months to respond to the Office Action dated July 21, 2003.

2. Applicant is ☐ a small entity; ☒ other than a small entity.

3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$420.00	\$210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

☒ A check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed.

☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.

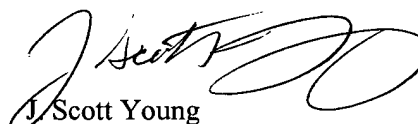
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